



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

MAILED

JUL 29 2004

Technology Center 2100

Mark White
White & Fudala
57 Bedford Street
Suite 103
Lexington, MA 02420

In re Application of: Karabatsos
Application No. 10/604,455
Filed: July 22, 2003
For: HIGH SPEED DATA-RATE
CONVERTING AND SWITCHING
CIRCUIT

)
) **DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE**
) **SPECIAL UNDER**
) **M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV): APPLICANT'S**
) **AGE**
)

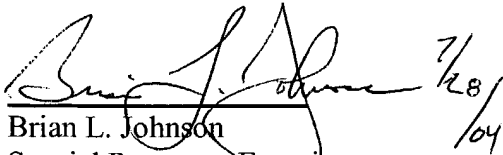
This is a decision on the petition, filed September 23, 2003 (duplicate Fax copies filed February 12 & February 25, 2004), under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV): Applicant's Age, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), and M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section IV, must include evidence showing that the applicant is 65 years of age or more. Evidence in the form of a birth certificate or applicant's statement is sufficient. There is no fee required for such a petition.

The petition filed September 23, 2003 includes a copy of applicant's U.S. passport face page with his date of birth, thus the requirements set forth above are met.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner to be advanced out of turn for examination in accordance with the procedures set forth in M.P.E.P. §708.02 and 37 C.F.R. 1.102.


Brian L. Johnson

Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 2100

Computer Architecture, Software, and Information Security
(703) 308-0885